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Re: Western Processing Cleanup Alternatives

Dear Ms. Schwarz:

As an owner of property adjacent to the Western Processing site, Puget Power appreciates having the opportunity to review the Western Processing Feasibility Study. We have identified four major areas of concern which should be addressed in any cleanup alternative. They are:

1. Public exposure along the PSE right of way and Interurban Trail to contaminated soils and/or other contamination resulting from Western Processing.
2. Exposure of Puget Power's personnel during normal construction and maintenance in the right of way. This would include, but not necessarily be limited to, replacement of poles and pole mounts and trenching for underground cables.
3. Relocation or major changes to existing Puget Power facilities.
4. Influx of pollutants from the Western Processing site to adjacent off-site areas, if a shallow groundwater extraction program is implemented.

In general, exact depths and areas to be cleaned up should be better defined by more sampling, especially along the ditch immediately east of the Western Processing property line and in the east drainage ditch. It is presently unclear, based on existing sampling, how the contamination in the east drainage ditch relates to that observed in the ditch between the Interurban Trail and the eastern boundary of Western Processing.

We would like to emphasize that the present or future uses of the right of way for utility purposes should not be impaired. We also request that prior to the initiation of any activities affecting

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our property, that the EPA notify Mr. William Arthur, Director Real Estate, to ensure the rights to work on our property have been properly granted.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



M. V. Stimac, Manager  
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